THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The Government of Madhya Pradesh have requested for provision of an additional amount of Rs. 62 crores for distribution of Interim Relief for a period of 3 years to the remaining residents of about one lakh in the 36 severely affected municipal wards of Bhopal. The proposal is being considered.

[English]

Reopening of Punalur Paper Mill

1100. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH:

PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of debt which Punalur Paper Mill has to pay to ICICI and Canara Bank;

(b) Whether Punalur Paper Mill management has submitted any proposal to reopen the mill; if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have considered the request of the management of Punalur Paper Mill for withdrawal of receiver rule in that company; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) Reportedly, an amount of Rs. 11.90 crores plus interest from 30-9-1987 onwards is due from M/s. Punalur Paper Mills Ltd. to Canara Bank. As regards ICICI, it is understood that the Corporation has filed a suit for Rs. 3.60 crores against the company.

(b) Reportedly, M/s. Punalur Paper Mills Ltd. has submitted a rehabilitation proposal to ICICI.

(c) and (d) It has been reported by Canara Bank that an appeal made by M/s. Punalur Paper Mills Ltd. for withdrawal of receiver rule is pending before the Court.

Centrally Sponsored Industries in Kota

1102. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of the Centrally sponsored industries in Kota region of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): There is only one Central Public Sector enterprise namely Instrumentation Ltd. with registered office in Kota region of Rajasthan.

Criteria for Distribution of Edible Oils to States

1103. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM:

SHRI PRAKASHBAPU VASANTRAO PATIL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for the distribution of edible oils to the States;

(b) whether Maharashtra is deficit in edible oils and very low percentage of edible oil is given to the Maharashtra State in comparison to the other states;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government propose more allocation for the state; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The allocation of imported edible oils to States/UTs is decided based on factors such as local availability of indigenous edible oils, realistic demand of the State/UT, availability of imported edible oils with the Government, pace of lifting etc.

(b) According to Government of Maharashtra, the State is deficient in respect of edible oil production and supply, Maharashtra State has been given about 16% of All India Allocation during the current oil year 1990-91 (November—June), which is highest in the country.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Shifting of Radio and Newsrooms from Kashmir Valley

1104. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the radio and newsrooms were shifted outside the Kashmir valley in the wake of stepped-up militancy and violence;

(b) if so, when;

(c) whether the above shifting has led to the exodus of correspondents thus creating a media vacuum; and

(d) the steps taken to shift the newsrooms back to the Kashmir valley?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Doordarshan's news room was shifted from Srinagar to Jammu with effect from 5-3-1990. Doordarshan's camera units are still in Srinagar to cover the happenings in the Valley for use in news bulletins produced by the news room at Jammu. The radio station continues to function from Srinagar whereas the production of news bulletin was shifted from Srinagar to Delhi with effect from 6-3-1990.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) There is no proposal, for the present, to shift the production of regional news bulletins of All India Radio from Delhi to Srinagar and news room of Doordarshan from Jammu to Srinagar.

[*Translation*]

Agriculture-based Industries in Bihar

1105. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up any large or medium industry based on agriculture in the Sitamarhi district in Bihar;

(b) whether the Government propose to take concrete steps after conducting a survey by sending a team of experts for the purpose of setting up agriculture based industry in Sitamarhi and border areas in Bihar;

(c) if so, when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Films produced in Urdu

1106. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of feature films produced in Urdu during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the corresponding number of Hindi films as well as films in other regional languages such as Rajasthani, Bhojpuri, Haryanvi etc., normally dubbed in Hindi; and

(c) the reason for the drastic fall in the number of feature films in Urdu?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING